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► Models, from left, Francky Oliver, Rob Charron, Max Engel and Alex Filk run in the rain across George Street in Ottawa yesterday afternoon while promoting Moore's second annual suit drive.

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Models spread the word on charity drive

Moore's Clothing for Men sent scantily clad male models out onto the streets of major cities across Canada yesterday to help raise awareness of their clothing drive. The clothing company is collecting used suits and other items of men's, women's and children's clothing and donating them to charities that will pass along the garments to people trying to get back into the workforce and to others in need. Moore's is giving customers who donate clothes 50 per cent off on a new suit.

Cellblock video to be released

► Ottawa police to release copy of controversial video to Crown and judge following judge's order that it should be released to media

Ottawa police will release a copy of a cellblock video that shows police treatment of a woman who claims she was stripped and beaten, even though the original video was lost in the court system, acting Chief Gilles Larochelle said in statement released just before 5 p.m. yesterday.

Roxanne Carr was arrested on Aug. 23, 2008, but the Crown withdrew charges against her after viewing the video, said her defense lawyer Mark Ertel. He said he is "surprised" police took so long to agree to the release.

"The judge made an order releasing it last week, and then the lawyer for the police offered the court a couple of what I would describe as outrageous reasons why the DVD should not be released," said Ertel.

"Cellblock officers handled the custody of Roxanne Carr with the utmost professionalism, especially when faced with a crisis in the cell."

ACTING OTTAWA POLICE CHIEF GILLES LAROCHELLE IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT

"The public can decide after they see the video tape whether what the acting chief is saying is accurate — that police behaved appropriately — or not. And they'll also be able to assess why the police would have gone to such great lengths to try and prevent the public from seeing this DVD."

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► Jennifer Macwaters points to the wall that was ripped up by her landlord after mould was found growing at the base of the walls in April.

Clean this place up, Heron Gate residents demand

- Tenants complain of unhygienic living conditions in Heron Gate apartments
- Building management says tenants have a role to play in improving quality of life, too



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About 50 angry Heron Gate tenants and members of Ottawa ACORN rallied outside their homes yesterday to say they are fed up with garbage not being picked up, mould growing on their walls and rats running wild.

But it was unclear what action might be taken or what the property manager intends to do about it.

TransGlobe Property Management Services,

which owns the Heron Gate rental complex, took over direct control of managing the property just four weeks ago, after contracting it out for years, a spokesman said.

"I don't know what happened over the last several months or years in that building and the work of the last management firm that was in there," spokesman Danny Roth said.

Although he would not speak to Metro about specific complaints, he said the

company wants to address the problems and will listen to tenants.

TransGlobe bought the Heron Gate rental community in 2007. In 2010, CBC reported that three buildings in the complex topped the city's 2009 complaint list.

Tenants said they are still facing problems with garbage pickup and water leakages that haven't been addressed since the shift in management.

"Everywhere you look there's rotting wood. All

the windowsills are falling apart," said Jennifer Macwaters, a Sandalwood Drive resident.

A city health inspector came to her home in April and noted mould growing on her basement walls and water that had leaked onto the floor. The innards of the walls are still exposed and the pieces of mouldy wall are sitting in her basement.

"That's a third of our house that's unusable," she said.

Roth counters that ten-

ants also have a responsibility to look after their neighbourhood.

"It's incumbent on the residents to take their garbage and put it in the bin. If it's left on the ground and left to rot, or if it rips open because a car drives by it, there's an element of catch-up here that becomes very difficult.

"At the end of the day," Roth said, "I think there's a shared responsibility from residents to help us improve the quality of life in that community."

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Heavy. Wood



► City of Ottawa tree workers clear a downed limb from a Manitoba maple on Parkdale Avenue.

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Force of nature topples power line

The fallen limb brought down a power line and closed the street between Kenilworth and Hutchinson streets for just over an hour. No one was injured in the incident.

Transit talks get rolling again

► City and union both put positive spin on arbitration board's ruling ► Say they are ready to negotiate



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The head of the union local representing OC Transpo workers says he hopes "cooler heads will prevail" so Ottawa can avoid another transit strike when contract negotiations begin again.

"Hopefully with a new mayor and a new Transit Commission with Diane Deans at the head of it, they'll have a better rein on the negotiating team," said ATU local 279 president Garry Queale yesterday.

Queale said the 2011 round of negotiations will likely begin in about a

"I'm pleased that this final decision puts the dispute behind us and concludes a long and difficult round of negotiations. The City is determined to work with the ATU to address the concerns of the union and its membership."

MAYOR JIM WATSON IN A WEEKEND PRESS RELEASE ON THE ARBITRATION BOARD REPORT.

month, now that an arbitration board has settled the last remaining dispute from the 2008 negotiations in a report released this week.

Asked what the union will be seeking in this round, Queale said: "I don't want to discuss everything yet before negotiations but there's major issues that will be discussed and we'll hope

to come out with a resolution to some of these at least."

He said the board's ruling on drivers' scheduling will be a starting point for the next round of negotiations. The board ruled drivers' workdays must end no later than 12 hours after they begin — or less if they started early in the morning — and they must be paid for at least 7.5 hours.

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Will yellow card ward off thieves?

- Auto break-ins have doubled in some areas over the past year
- Card seeks to deter theft



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Police hope to stem an upswing in auto break-ins by asking drivers to tell thieves there's nothing to steal in their vehicles.

Officers are handing out 5,000 bright yellow cards that read "All valuables removed." Drivers are being asked to put the cards on their dashboards.

"Obviously, this won't deter a thief from breaking into your car if he looks into your car and sees all kinds of valuables," Sgt. Dennis Hull said. "But if he sees it, looks inside your car and sees nothing in it, it's done its job."

Asked if thieves won't just move on to the next car

when they see the sign, Hull said, "If everybody does this, he's not going to go to any other car. If everybody removes their valuables from their vehicles, it will reduce thefts from vehicles across the city."

The card also serves as a reminder to others to take their valuables, he said.

There were 141 thefts from the ByWard Market and Vanier this June, compared to 121 in June of last year, Hull said. In the downtown Golden Triangle there were 41 thefts last June and 80 this June.

"Statistics are showing that thefts from vehicles are occurring in underground parking, anywhere there's massive amounts of vehicles," Hull said.



► Sgt. Dennis Hull introduces a new police initiative aimed at deterring auto break-ins in the ByWard Market yesterday. Drivers are being asked to place bright yellow cards reading "All valuables removed" on their dashboards. The idea is that thieves will look in the vehicle, see the card and move on.

News in brief

Whiz kids seek gold medal

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. Three Canadians are vying for the gold this week in the finals of the National Geographic World Championship in San Francisco. Alexander Cohen, 15, of Ottawa, Alejandro Torres-Lopez, 16, of North Vancouver and Aoife O'Leary, 15, of Surrey, B.C., will be at Google headquarters to compete in a question-and-answer format moderated by Alex Trebek. Canada's team won the gold medal at the world championship in 2009.

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Senators host charity tee-off

DUFFING FOR DOLLARS. Ottawa Senators Matt Carkner and Jesse Winchester will host this year's Direct Energy Sens Fore Kids Classic on Aug. 9. Participants enjoy a day on the links followed by a reception, dinner, silent auctions and enter-

tainment. Money raised goes to Roger's House and other charities.

● JOE LOFARO

Museums want 1940s items

WARTIME WORK. The Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian War Museum are seeking artifacts related to industrial production in the 1940s, such as uniform smocks, hats, books, pay stubs, lunch boxes and clothing. The items will be added to the Second World War Home Front collection, which is under development.

● JOE LOFARO

Fury players head to finals

PERFECT SEASON. Three members of the Ottawa Fury will join the All-League team as they face Seattle in the W-League championship semi-finals on Friday. Mallory Outerbridge, Amanda Fancher and Jessica Schufelt were chosen after helping to lead the Fury to its first perfect regular season.

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Quebecers rally behind stricken Layton

Quebecers are expressing sadness and shock at the news that Jack Layton is taking a sick leave less than three months after his historic electoral triumph in the province.

Major newspapers, politicians of different stripes and regular citizens offered words of encouragement yesterday to the NDP leader in his battle against cancer.

In the recent federal election, Quebec voters nearly wiped the Bloc Québécois off the map — and were so keen to support Layton's party that, in some cases, they elected people who had never even seen their riding. A common refrain heard in Quebec after the election was, "I voted for Jack."

But one central Quebec businessman said he still had no regrets yesterday about voting NDP. He said the party is bigger than just one man.

Jean-Guy Otis said people in his riding have already been impressed by their new MP, Ruth Ellen Brosseau — the one who managed an Ottawa pub

and spent part of the election campaign in Las Vegas.

Otis said it's the NDP's philosophy that connects with the people in his mostly rural riding — and he insisted that while Layton is very popular in the area, the party transcends him.

"I don't believe that one leader, that one person, can be the NDP," said Otis, who co-owns a beauty salon on the main strip in the town of Louiseville.

"It's an ensemble of individuals and there are very good individuals who are part of it."

Layton, whose party won 59 of Quebec's 75 seats in the election, also received words of support from Montreal newspapers.

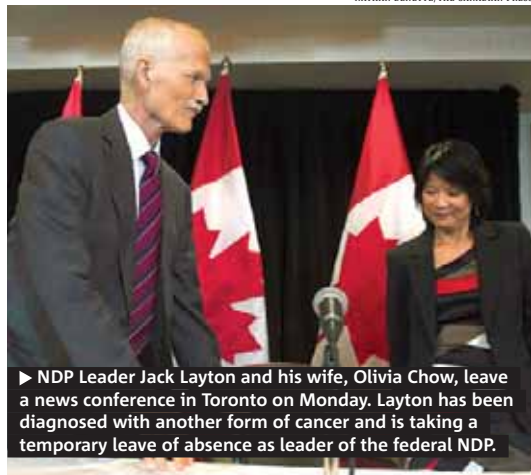
The Montreal daily La Presse paid homage to Layton yesterday with a headline that reads A Leader Close to the People. There were also get-well wishes expressed in a cartoon and an editorial, and the entire letters section was filled with eight notes of encouragement. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Anecdote

One Bloc incumbent defeated in the federal election shared an anecdote yesterday to illustrate the role Jack Layton's personal popularity played in the NDP breakthrough.

► Marc Lemay said his election observers reported that, on May 2, at least three voters left voting centres without casting a ballot. They apparently refused to vote because they didn't see Layton's name listed among the local candidates.

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► NDP Leader Jack Layton and his wife, Olivia Chow, leave a news conference in Toronto on Monday. Layton has been diagnosed with another form of cancer and is taking a temporary leave of absence as leader of the federal NDP.

Metro Interview



► Hugh Williamson, project manager and lead investigator for Dalhousie University's marine and piracy project, looks over Halifax Harbour yesterday.

► Piracy considered 'a crime against all humanity': Researcher
► Project being funded by a two-year, \$500,000 research grant from the TK Foundation
► Findings and recommendations will be presented to key policy stakeholders

RESEARCHERS LOOK TO TURN TIDE IN PIRACY FIGHT

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A research team from Dalhousie University may not be battling Blackbeard, but it is undertaking a similar quest: Preventing piracy.

Led by the marine-affairs program at the Halifax-based university, the work will explore issues surrounding modern piracy to gain insight that may help prevent future outbreaks of violence at sea, said Hugh Williamson, project manager and lead investigator for the Dalhousie marine and piracy

History

► Dating back to the 1970s, pirate attacks have been abundant in the Gulf of Thailand, the Caribbean, the Straits of Malacca, off the coast of Africa and in waters leading up to the

project.

"What sets us apart is we're looking at the issue in a holistic manner ... which hasn't been done before," he said, adding he has a legal, operations and socio-economic team.

Williamson said pirates are dealt with on a region-

Persian Gulf, said investigator Hugh Williamson.

► From looting ships for money to taking crew members hostage to murdering yacht crews so as to use boats as drug-trafficking vessels, the definition of piracy is as vast as the ocean.

al basis — those who catch privateers bring them to trial within the local jurisdiction. He hopes the two-year project will offer a more efficient and effective process.

"We (will) come up with what we call our considered policy options and

then say, 'Here's the types of things you can do to prevent and deal with piracy, but here's the things you're going to have to do to make it work.'"

He said the university serves as the perfect platform to investigate the issue.

"Almost everyone involved in the project has been dealing with an aspect of piracy," he said. "We have a lot of different sectors at Dalhousie and a lot of different connections around the world, and that makes us an ideal hub to take a look at this issue."

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McGuinty picks fight with Ottawa

- Premier slams feds for skimming Ontario initiatives
- Takes the lead in view of upcoming provincial elections

Premier Dalton McGuinty is taking aim once again at Ottawa, painting himself as a strongman of Confederation and the only one who will stand up to the federal Conservatives.

This time, the Liberal premier is slamming the Tories for failing to throw their support behind a new risk management program for Ontario farmers.

It's not the first time McGuinty — who is facing an election this fall — has raised the issue. But it's quickly becoming another gripe in a long list of grievances that appears to be pitting the premier against his federal and provincial counterparts.

Last week, McGuinty grumbled that Ontario was being shortchanged when it comes to equalization and green energy projects, raising a few eye-



► Dalton McGuinty

brows during a summit of provincial and territorial leaders in Vancouver.

He's also warned that Ontario needs a strong voice now that Canada has a majority Tory government dominated by the West and an Opposition dominated by Quebec.

"I think it's OK for us as

Ontarians from time to time to assert ourselves, and to do so in an unselfish way," he said while visiting a hog farm near Stratford, Ont., yesterday.

"The fact of the matter is, if we grow stronger, that stands to the benefit of the country as a whole."

As leader of the country's most populous province, McGuinty also suggested that he now sees himself as the strongest Liberal voice in the country.

"Well, I represent 40 per cent of the country," he said. "I think that's a pretty significant influence."

There's always been an expectation that Ontario — as the biggest and strongest province — would do the heavy lifting and stay silent, McGuinty said.

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Art. Swap



► A portrait of the Queen hangs at the entrance to the Department of Foreign Affairs building in Ottawa.

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Conflicting tastes in art

Foreign service staff and art lovers are grumbling about new Minister John Baird's decorating tastes inside the lobby of their building. A pair of historic paintings by Quebec modern master Alfred Pellan were removed from their decades-old spot and replaced by a portrait of the Queen late last month.

War crime site a hit: Minister

Federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews says a new website with suspected war criminals in Canada might be expanded to cover domestic crimes committed by foreigners.

He made the comment after the arrest of Manuel De La Torre Herrera, a suspected war criminal listed on the website. The Canadian Border Services Agency says Herrera was part of a brutal government regime in Peru, and was denied a refugee claim several years ago. He went underground and was only found this week.

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Herrera is the third suspected war criminal caught since last week, when the federal government launched a website featuring 30 of the most wanted suspects.

Health agency seeks missing docs

Colon cancer screening tests for almost 6,500 Ontario patients have been lost in the mail and the provincial health agency who sent them to doctors' offices says several thousand more could also be

missing. Cancer Care Ontario said Tuesday that 15 reports mailed in February and March were never delivered. The incident is being investigated for a possible privacy breach.

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Gas explosion strikes firefighters

Two Edmonton firefighters have been taken to hospital with small burns on their faces after a gas explosion.

A fire crew was called to a south-side home after a woman smelled gas.

Four firefighters were shutting off a gas meter on the side of the house when an explosion blew open a side door.

All four were knocked to the ground. Two were taken to a hospital as a precaution.

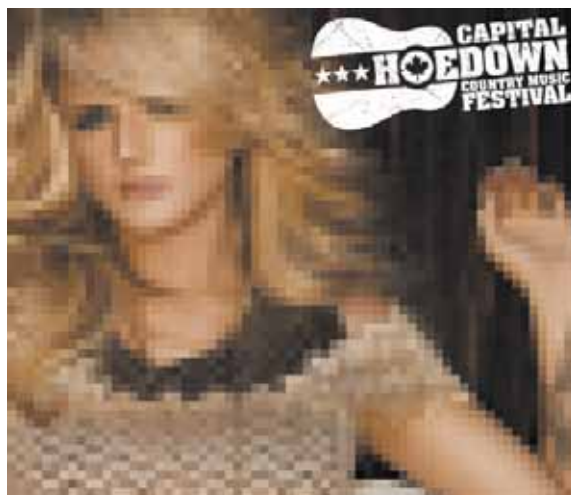
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Driver in rampage faces 11 charges

A 44-year-old B.C. man is facing criminal charges after allegedly running down two women last night in North Vancouver. RCMP say a driver in a blue Mustang drove his vehicle into a woman, who launched over

the hood of the car. He then fled and backed into another woman, pinning her against a signpost. Police said both victims suffered non-life threatening injuries.

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Milk. Protest



► A South Korean dairy farmer shouts slogans after pouring milk over his head during a rally demanding an increase in milk prices near the National Assembly in Seoul yesterday.

AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP PHOTO

Dairy farmers rally against FTA

Thousands of dairy farmers in South Korea opposed the signing of a free trade agreement with various countries, including the European Union and the U.S.

Somalia's famine victims fight for life

► United Nations estimates 11 million people in East Africa affected by drought ► 3.7 million in Somalia among worst hit because of country's ongoing civil war

Seven-month-old Mihag Gedi Farah is the frail face of Somalia's famine. He stares out wide-eyed almost in alarm, his skin pulled taut over his ribs and twig-like arms.

At only 3.2 kilograms, he weighs as much as a newborn but has the weathered look of an elderly man.

Mihag is just one of 800,000 children who officials warn could die across the Africa. Aid workers are rushing to bring help to dangerous and previously unreachable regions of



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► Mihag Gedi Farah

drought-ravaged Somalia. Famine victims like Mihag bring new urgency to their efforts, raising con-

cerns about how many hungry children still remain in Somalia, far away from doctors in the field hospital at this Kenyan refugee camp.

Somalia's prolonged drought became a famine in part because neither the Somali government nor many aid agencies can fully operate in areas controlled by al-Qaida-linked militants, and the UN is set to declare all of southern Somalia a famine zone as of Aug. 1.

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Bomb rocks UN convoy

BEIRUT, Morocco. Seventy-eight people were killed — and three survived — when a C-130 military plane crashed into a Moroccan mountain in bad

weather yesterday. The crash happened near the disputed Western Sahara.

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Gander gets grim memento

ST. JOHN'S, N.L. A New York fire department is donating a piece of the World Trade Center to Gander, N.L., for its help after the 9-11 terrorist attacks. Gander was the closest airport for 38 jetliners forced to land on Sept. 11, 2001.

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Gadhafi faces a food crisis

TRIPOLI, Libya. The area of Libya controlled by Moammar Gadhafi is wracked by shortages of fuel, food and cash, says the United Nations. Rebels hold eastern Libya and pockets in the west. Gadhafi clings to the rest.

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Three survive plane crash

RABAT, Morocco. Seventy-eight people were killed — and three survived — when a C-130 military plane crashed into a Moroccan mountain in bad

Grieving dad recalls last words of his 'teddy bear'

► 'Someone is shooting,' Norway massacre victim said in final phone call
► Gunman regards himself as 'some kind of saviour,' his lawyer says

The father of one of the Norway massacre victims said his son's last words were "Dad, someone is shooting."

Gunnar Linaker's father said Gunnar was "a calm, big teddy bear with lots of humour and lots of love."

His voice weak and trembling, Roald Linaker said he had been on the phone with his 23-year-old son when the shooting started.

"He said to me: 'Dad, dad, someone is shooting,' and then he hung up."

That was the last he heard from his son. Gunnar was wounded and was taken to a nearby hospital, where he died Saturday.

Is he insane?



Anders Behring Breivik, the 32-year-old who has confessed to the massacre,

is likely insane, says his lawyer.

► He is unaware of the impact of the attacks and asked his defence counsel how many people he had killed, lawyer Geir Lippestad said yesterday.

► Lippestad said Breivik took drugs to "to be strong, to be efficient, to keep him awake" during the 90-minute attack.

His 17-year-old sister also was at the camp but survived, Roald Linaker said.

Yesterday, the newspaper Dagbladet posted the names of victims.

Three of the victims did not appear to be ethnic

Norwegians — examples of the multi-ethnic Norway that gunman Anders Behring Breivik says he despised.

The Friday attacks began with a bombing outside the building that

houses the prime minister's office in Oslo. Eight were killed.

Then, Breivik opened fire on an island retreat for the youth wing of the Labor Party, leaving dozens dead and hundreds of terrified young people scrambling to escape, many trying to swim away.

Though Breivik has been charged with acts of terrorism, lawyer Geir Lippestad said he could also be charged with crimes against humanity.

Although the stiffest sentence in Norway is 21 years, the lawyer said his client would never be set free.

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► The brutal assault has stunned peaceful, liberal Norway — but also brought its citizens together. Yesterday, a wall in Oslo was decorated with flowers in memory of the massacre victims and on Monday thousands laid roses feet deep in streets.

‘Keystone Kops’ face criticism

When Anders Behring Breivik launched his assault on campers on Norway’s Utoya Island, he expected special forces to swoop and stop him fast.

But he was given time to kill.

Officers of Oslo’s Delta Force had to drive — because police don’t own a transport helicopter.

Then they were rescued by a civilian boat when their own broke down as it tried to navigate a one-minute hop to the island.

It took police more than 90 minutes to reach the gunman, who had mortally wounded 68 people.

International experts said Norway’s government and security forces must learn stark lessons from the killings — made worse by lackadaisical planning for terror.

Andrew Silke, director of terrorism studies at the University of East London, called the police response “a bit Keystone Kops.”

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‘We’re human’



► Police spokesperson Johan Fredriksen, above,

rebuffed journalists’ questions yesterday about the planning and equipment failures that gave Breivik untold extra minutes to kill.

- Fredriksen called the criticisms “unworthy.”
- “We can take a lot, we’re professional, but we are also human beings,” Fredriksen said.

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McD's gets appy and healthy

► U.S. Happy Meal customers can already choose apples instead of fries ► But only about 11 per cent do

McDonald's Corp. is adding apples to all its Happy Meals and launching a nutrition-focused mobile-phone app as part of a broader health push.

The changes underscore how the restaurant industry is reacting to the demands of customers and regulators who blame it for health ills ranging from childhood obesity to diabetes.

Among other changes in McDonald's new program:

- A pledge to reduce sugars, saturated fats and calories through "varied portion sizes, reformulations and innovations" by 2020. By 2015, the fast food chain will reduce sodium by 15 per cent.

- McDonald's will introduce a new mobile app fo-

cused just on nutrition information.

- McDonald's USA president Jan Fields and other executives will go on a "listening tour" in August to hear suggestions from parents and nutrition experts. The chain will also launch a new online forum for parents.

McDonald's says the new directives are "absolutely not" related to impending regulations that will force the industry to curb the marketing of junk food to children and post nutrition information on menus.

Rather, the changes are a response to what customers were asking for, said Cindy Goody, McDonald's senior director of nutrition.

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► A McDonald's Cheeseburger Happy Meal with the new appleslices option is shown yesterday in Pittsburgh.





Economic woes anger Israelis

Thousands of young protesters have set up sprawling tent camps in Israeli cities, forcing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday to introduce economic reforms to address a

swell of discontent over high housing costs and stave off the worst domestic crisis of his two years in power.

Netanyahu's reforms, meant to bring down steep housing prices, appeared unlikely to end the crisis, which already has forced him to cancel a high-profile visit to Poland and sent his approval ratings plummeting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cheaper cell plans hurting Rogers

Rogers Communications Inc. faced tougher cellphone competition from players big and small alike as the country's largest wireless carrier saw its second-quarter profit drop by nine per cent.

"We're selling and competing in an increasingly competitive market," Rob Bruce, president of Rogers' wireless division, said yesterday.

Rogers said it was hit on a number of fronts in the cellphone market after reporting its net income slipped to \$410 million, or 75 cents a share, down from \$452 million or 77 cents a share a year ago.

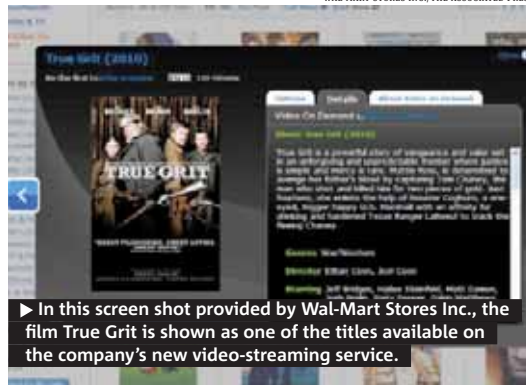
"We delivered the results today against a backdrop of fairly intense competition with our incumbent friends Bell and Telus, particularly in the business space with aggressive pricing and promotions," Bruce told reporters on a conference call.

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Walmart.com now streams flicks

The world's largest retailer yesterday started streaming many movies the same day they come out on DVD, in a second bid for a share of popular movie rental and streaming website Netflix Inc.'s business and just two weeks after Netflix announced new price increases.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. bought video-streaming service Vudu.com 18 months ago and now offers 20,000 titles that can be viewed on almost any



► In this screen shot provided by Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the film True Grit is shown as one of the titles available on the company's new video-streaming service.

device with Internet access, from computers to televisions to Sony's PlayStation3 and other Blu-ray disc players.

Movies are available at Walmart.com to rent for \$1 to \$5.99 or to purchase for \$4.99 and up. Wal-Mart is not offering subscriptions, making its service more similar to Apple Inc.'s iTunes, which charges \$3.99 to rent newly released movies and \$14.99 to buy a movie.

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NOT EVERY DOG HAS A DAY LIKE THIS

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO



Alexander McQueen had it all. The English fashion designer rose from the obligatory humble beginnings in London's East End. He was the son of a taxi driver and a

school drop-out at 16.

By the time he was 40, he was one of the world's leading fashion designers. Kate Middleton's wedding dress, currently the target of pilgrimages to Buckingham Palace where it's on display, is the work of an Alexander McQueen designer.

None of this was able to soothe the beast of depression, and last February, just days after his mother died, Alexander McQueen hanged himself in what the English call a wardrobe ... a closet.

Now comes the task of dividing his 16-million-pound fortune and eyebrows are heightened on both sides of the pond with the news that 50 thousand pounds of it are going to the dogs.

"Three dogs, in fact: Juice, Minter and Callum, the world's luckiest English bull terriers. Fifty thousand pounds will buy a lot of kibble and flea baths, not to mention squeaky toys."

Three dogs, in fact: Juice, Minter and Callum, the world's luckiest English bull terriers.

Fifty thousand pounds will buy a lot of kibble and flea baths, not to mention squeaky toys.

Fifty thousand pounds is the same amount he left his housekeepers — one of whom discovered his body — his godson and each of his nieces and nephews.

To prove that blood is a bit thicker than slobber, he also left 250 thousand to each of his three sisters and two brothers.

But he wasn't done with the dogs — he left 100,000

pounds each to the Battersea Dogs and Cats Home and the Blue Cross animal-welfare charity.

Every dog has his day, but it's not every day the dogs inherit the treasure.

The CEO of the Blue Cross charity is "thrilled." Hard to tell what the dogs think, but tails are wagging all around.

We could put this down to Englishmen and their mad dogs, but it's hardly the dogs that are mad. Juice, Minter and Callum would be perfectly happy with three squares, shelter from the storm and a nice curb, but people like to anthropomorphize their pets, smother them in love and luxury and hope they get a nice greeting at the door in return.

I suspect that whatever Juice, Minter and Callum could have given their master it would have been infinitely less complicated and conditional than the web of relationships that defined his social circle. So I'm sure they're full value for their 50K.

Still, if there's anyone out there who feels compelled to follow Alexander McQueen's lead, rest assured that for \$77,000 Canadian I'll take care of your pooches like they wuz kings. The line forms here.

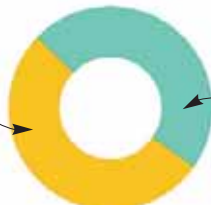
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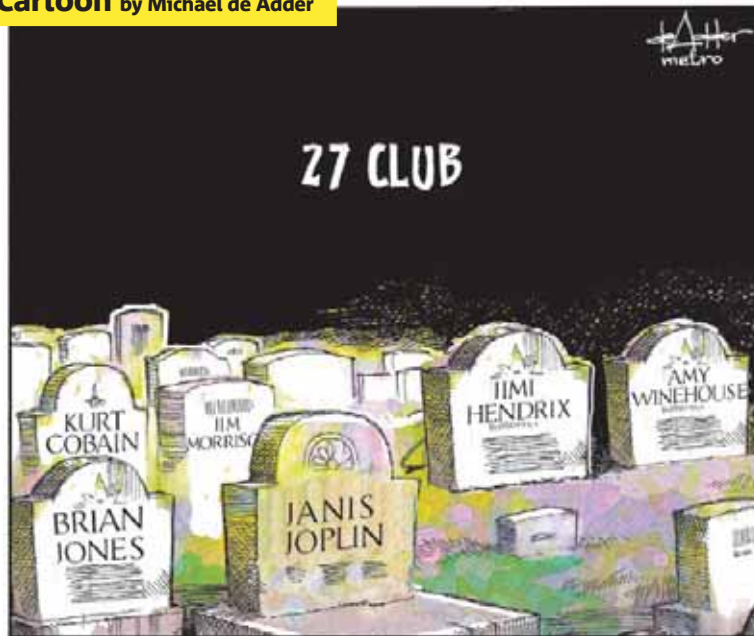
Letters

Re: *She Says* column
(*Table for two, please... non-children*) published
July 26

I normally enjoy this article, but today I am a bit offended. Systematically barring any group from a restaurant is textbook discrimination. But I am more worried about the flippant attitude displayed when it comes to "happy meals" and that "you have to sacrifice a little" to go to a restaurant with children. Not all children behave badly. The bigger issue is a battle nationwide, in Canada and the U.S., against obesity. To suggest that these are reasonable alternatives is thoughtless. Think of the health of the kids — this is not a laughing matter. Children become what they become by how they are raised. Take your kids to fast-food joints all the time, and what do you get? Obese, lazy parents who take their kids to fast-food joints. More health problems, higher taxes to treat those problems, then no one will be able to go to nice restaurants because fast food, will be the only affordable option.

MICHAEL WEBER
TORONTO

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Attack of the kangaroo ends with pepper spray

A 94-year-old woman struck an attacking kangaroo with a broom and managed to crawl to safety in her house in the Australian Outback before police subdued it with pepper spray.

Phyllis Johnson said the kangaroo attacked her while she was hanging her laundry in her yard Sunday in the Queensland state town of Charleville. "I thought it was going to kill me," Johnson told The Courier Mail from a hospital bed. "It just plowed through

the clothes on the washing line straight for me."

She said the kangaroo knocked her down and kicked her prone body. Johnson said she managed to get to her feet and grab the broom to hit it.

"She fought it off herself with a bit of help from the family dog," her son, Rob Johnson, said, adding the kangaroo had "a bit of a go" at him when he came home, then he called police.

Senior-Sgt. Stephen Perkins said the first officer to reach the backyard was forced to spray the kangaroo to avoid being injured.

Wildlife rangers trapped the kangaroo. It will be examined by a vet before a decision is made about its future, a government official said.

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▶ Ryan Gosling gets put out of his element in his new movie Crazy, Stupid, Love.

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A man of few words

► Soft-spoken and reserved, Ryan Gosling struggles with living in the spotlight ► Crazy, Stupid, Love star tells Metro how he gets past his fear



In an interviewing style that references De Niro's tight-lipped one-word answers or Bob Dylan's absurd responses, it's never easy to pin down Ryan Gosling. But while he promoted his latest film, the romantic comedy Crazy, Stupid, Love, the Notebook star was forced to talk about himself and, unfortunately for him, dating.

So much has been said about casting you in a comedic role. Do think you're funny?

Yes. I'm just trying to convince you of that. **That's it? Just yes?** Uhh ... you want more? It's not good enough. I guess I'm not funny. I'll work on it. I don't know how to answer that.

This project shows off your improv skills. Are there any projects you're interested in that would allow you to do more of that?

No. I don't want to improv. They make me because

they get bored. They're like, be funnier. Make something up. Entertain us. Dance, monkey.

Would you host Saturday Night Live?

I'm too scared. It took me a lot to get up the guts to do this.

What was scary about doing Crazy, Stupid, Love?

I'd never done a comedy before so that was scary. I did it because I love Steve Carrell. I think he's the best. When I first moved to Los Angeles, I did a pilot and I was 17. I had a small

part and so did Steve. He was so funny that I would go to the set to watch him work.

Your character in the film, Jacob, is really good at picking up ladies. Can you relate to him at all?

Not really. I don't know if anyone can. He's kind of like Bugs Bunny. I relate more to Steve's character. It was hard to play Jacob. **So then are you shy around women?**

I don't know how to answer that. They come up to me and then they're disap-

Photoshopped

In Crazy, Stupid, Love, co-star Emma Stone's character says Ryan Gosling's stomach looks like it's been photoshopped since it's so ripped. Gosling shares with us how he got in shape for the role.

► **Quote:** "James Cameron invented this program called the 'Abbatar' where I just wear this motion capture suit and I've got muscles. So yeah, that's all. It was really easy."

pointed that I'm not Ryan Reynolds.



Crow

Some winning bidder will soon be cruising life's winding road in Sheryl Crow's 1959 Mercedes-Benz 190SL Roadster. Crow is auctioning off the classic car next month with the proceeds going to help rebuild the tornado-ravaged city of Joplin.

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When we think of westerns usually images of cowboy hats, stagecoaches and John Wayne come to mind. I say usually because while those may be the most common icons associated with the genre they're not the only ones.

This weekend, Cowboys & Aliens adds spaceships, extraterrestrials and laser guns to the existing formula. To research the movie's

western half director Jon Favreau watched classic movies like Stagecoach and Destry Rides Again. Then he spent time with Alien, Predator, and Close Encounters of the Third Kind. "If you do it right," he said of the film, "it honours both, and it becomes interesting and clever and a reinvention of two things that people understand."

So call it a spaceterm or neo-western if you like, but it isn't the first movie to mix and match sci fi with horse opera.

Michael Crichton wrote and directed Westworld after a trip to Disneyland. The Pirates of the Caribbean ride inspired

him to imagine an amusement park where vacationers pay \$1,000 a day to interact with robots programmed to replicate life in different periods of history. When a computer malfunction sends Yul Brynner's black hatted cyborg gunslinger on an animatronic rampage through the western theme park the old west becomes a place of high tech terror.

Sci fi westerns aren't always set on Earth however.

The animated feature Bravestarr: The Legend sets the action on the planet of New Texas, located 1956 light-years from Earth. Bashing together the best bits of Star Wars and tradi-



▶ Harrison Ford, left, and Daniel Craig star in Cowboys & Aliens.

tional oater plots the movie features cool western space toys like rocket scooters with fairings shaped like horses' heads and a villain named Tex Hex.

Outland, the 1981 Sean Connery space thriller isn't exactly a sci fi western, but it is based on one of the

most famous cowboy movies of all time, High Noon. A critic for the Boston Globe wrote, "Outland marks the return of the classic western hero in a space helmet," and noted that its themes of loyalty and betrayal echoed High Noon.



With gay marriage legal in New York, actress Heather Matarazzo to wed longtime girlfriend

Hit show speaks to geeks

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- The Big Bang Theory lovingly pokes fun at nerds, say cast members
- Rating gold: Program was renewed earlier this year for another 3 years

The stars of The Big Bang Theory acknowledge they could well be the outsiders when it comes to the num-

ber of people in the world who are nerds.

"There's a lot of closeted nerds out there," says Si-

mon Helberg, who plays the perpetually randy Howard Wolowitz on the hit TV show.

"Personally, I'm not into Star Trek or physics or comic books but I know I might be in the minority."



► Looking a bit less dorky than usual: The Big Bang Theory cast members, Simon Helberg, left, Jim Parsons, centre, and Kunal Nayyar pose in Toronto, October 7, 2010.

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He says co-stars Kunal Nayyar (Raj), Jim Parsons (Sheldon) and Johnny Galecki (Leonard) aren't nerds either, despite how well they play the socially challenged geniuses.

"I think ultimately everyone has those qualities of feeling a little bit like an outsider or being passionate about something," says Helberg, who will host the Tribute to Nerds show with Nayyar at Montreal's Just For Laughs festival on Friday.

The Big Bang Theory, which is seen on CTV, is about four young scientists and their attractive — and comparatively normal — neighbour Penny (Kaley Cuoco).

While the show started strongly in 2007, it really caught fire through word of mouth.

"Nerds will talk," observed Helberg, although both he and Nayyar pointed out the show isn't out to just ridicule geeks but also to lovingly poke fun at them.

The show's fourth season finale set the Internet abuzz when Raj ended up sleeping with Penny, Leonard's former girl-

"People relate to it because it's about underdogs and it's about reaching out to the real world and it's about trying to find love and it's about friendship."

ACTOR KUNAL NAYYAR, WHO PLAYS
RAJ ON THE BIG BANG THEORY

Nerd icons?

Nayyar says any suggestion the stars are nerd icons is humbling and the idea gives him "goosebumps."

► "I would hope that people who were poked fun at for being nerds or geeks in the past can now wear it proudly and I hope Big Bang had some part to play in it," he said.

► "I don't know what nerdiness they see in me or why they immediately thought of my face when the word nerd was in the title but I will try not to let down the nerds," cast mate Simon Helberg promised. "It's a big responsibility so I'm working on my nerdiness and perfecting it."

friend.

Nayyar and Helberg are surprisingly like their characters when it comes to resolving that situation, with Nayyar saying he'd advise Raj to take a deep breath, not beat himself up, and rebuild his friendship with Leonard.

As for Helberg, he'd tell Raj to rebuild his bridges with Leonard — "and brag quietly to your friends about your victory. Tell Wolowitz all the details because he's not going to let you go without it."

Both Nayyar and Helberg say the cast is as close off-screen as they are on and that contributes to their performances as a tight-knit group of buddies.

"It's a lot of fun," says Nayyar. "We're a family."

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Laying Winehouse to rest

- Autopsy fails to determine cause of singer's death
- Police waiting on toxicology tests, results in 2-4 weeks

Friends and family were saying goodbye to Amy Winehouse yesterday at a private funeral ceremony in London.

Producer Mark Ronson and media personality Kelly Osbourne — her hair piled beehive-high in an echo of the singer's trademark style — were among mourners arriving for the service at Edgwarebury Cemetery in north London.

The service was expected to be followed by cremation and a family gathering at a local synagogue.

The soul diva, who had battled alcohol and drug ad-

"Amy was about one thing and that was love." FATHER MITCH WINEHOUSE



► Winehouse and Blake Fielder-Civil in 2007

diction, was found dead Saturday at her London home. She was 27.

On Monday the singer's father, mother and brother visited the house where she died, thanking mourners who had left flowers.

"Her whole life was devoted to her family and her friends and to you guys as well," father Mitch Winehouse said to fans.

Winehouse released only two albums in her short career — winning five Grammy awards for the second, Back to Black — and often made headlines because of drug and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, destructive relationships and abortive performances.

Since her death, her records have re-entered album charts around the world, and tributes have poured in from fans and fellow musicians.

George Michael called her "the most soulful vocalist this country has ever seen," and Adele said she "paved the way for artists like me and made people excited about British music again." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amy's ex reacts

Despite their messy split in 2009, Blake Fielder-Civil is "devastated and shattered" by the news of ex-wife Amy Winehouse's death, his current girlfriend, Sarah Aspin, tells the Sun.

"I will never ever again feel the love I felt for her," Fielder-Civil reportedly told Aspin. "Everybody who knew me and knew Amy knew the depth of our love. I can't believe she's dead."

Staff at the jail where Fielder-Civil is currently serving out a three-year sentence for burglary and firearm possession have been instructed to keep a closer eye on him. "He just can't take it in that she's dead and he'll never see her again," Aspin says.



► Kelly Osbourne arrives at Golders Green Crematorium for the funeral ceremony of British singer Amy Winehouse, north London, yesterday.

Gossip Girl files suit

Gossip Girl star Leighton Meester is suing her mother for allegedly misusing money the actress had been sending home for the care of her brother, according to People magazine.

Instead, Constance Meester was allegedly using the \$7,500 a month for cosmetic procedures and other personal expenses.

"This whole thing's been really tough on Leighton," a source says.

"Her only concern has always been taking care of her brother."



► Leighton Meester

The suit claims that Constance threatened to sue Leighton for \$3 million if the actress didn't raise the monthly allowance to \$10,000. METRO

Kat Von D and Jesse James split

Jesse James and Kat Von D have called off their engagement, the L.A. Ink star confirmed on Twitter.

"I am no longer [with] Jesse, and out of respect for him, his family and myself, that's all the info I'd like to share," she posted.

James, though, was willing to share a bit more, telling People magazine, "I'm so sad because I really love her."

He claimed too much distance was the reason for the split.



► Jesse James and Kat Von D

The pair began dating shortly after James' divorce from Sandra Bullock was finalized. METRO

Biebs and his old man get matching tats

Justin Bieber wasn't alone when he went under the tattoo needle recently.

The pop sensation recently had Jesus in Hebrew tattooed on his side, and his dad got the same ink as well, accord-

ing to Celebuzz. He even held his son's hand when the younger Bieber had his done.

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Celebrity tweets



"Thanks for all your support for Christopher. It means a lot to me & to him. He's doing much better & we'll have him back at full speed soon."

@schwarzenegger

@1capplegate

"Men should Not wear jean shorts!..ever never ever never ever never!!!!!!!"

@GarryShandling

"I thought America's debt crises might be exaggerated, but I opened up a fortune cookie the other night, and it said, 'We own you.'"

@AlecBaldwin

"The older I get, the less young I feel."

Arnold doesn't read the fine print

Arnold Schwarzenegger reportedly refiled divorce papers, with the new documents not blocking Maria Shriver's requests for spousal support and to have her attorney's fees covered, according to TMZ.

Sources say Schwarzenegger signed the initial response without reading it, not realizing his lawyers had moved to



► Arnold Schwarzenegger

block Shriver's requests. METRO

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Cave tours



About 10,000 visitors to Horne Lake Caves Provincial Park take guided underground tours each year — but many others are too nervous to do so. An interpretive centre opening Aug. 9 will allow those nervous visitors to experience the site. British Columbia has more caves than all the other provinces combined — and Vancouver Island, with more than 1,400 known caves, has the highest concentration in B.C.

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Big Sur a haven for writers, musicians, artists inspired by history, Henry Miller.

Hitting the slopes in summer

► Vancouver Island resort courts mountain bikers ► New trail, courses cater to beginners to help them get a piece of the action

For Manus, a 41-year-old mountain-bike rider, it's all about the adrenaline rush when he's tackling the downhill trails of Vancouver Island's Mount Washington.

Time slows, and Manus, who uses no last name, grows focused on the ever-changing landscape.

"Your environment is whipping by you at such hyper speed that you're just reacting to your environment," he said. "The adrenaline rush is out of this world."

Mount Washington hopes visitors, especially novice and beginner mountain bikers, want a piece of that action, too.

After all, whether it's winter or summer, Mount Washington is in the business of selling adrenaline. And in a move to improve its summertime bottom line, the resort has added a beginners trail and lessons to its intermediate and expert mountain-bike attractions.

The mountain, which towers over the Comox Valley on the east coast of Vancouver Island, about an hour's drive north of the city of Nanaimo, is not alone. Around B.C., in places like Whistler and Sun Peaks, near Kamloops, ski resorts are selling downhill mountain-bike thrills to tourists.

Brent Curtain, director of public relations for Mount Washington Alpine Resort, said while hundreds of thousands of people visit his resort to ski and snowboard during the winter months, only "thousands" of people patronize it during summer.

So the resort has opened its Green Line mountain-bike run, a 2.2 kilometre novice trail that's serviced by a high-speed chair lift. The trail takes riders down the mountain's western flank.

The Green Line joins a list of 15 other runs, boasting intimidating names like Monster Mile, Back in Black, Helter Skelter and the Evil Eye, and not-so-

If you go

- **How to get there:** Mount Washington overlooks the Comox Valley, on Vancouver Island's east coast. It is accessible by car, bus, air and ferry.
- The bike park is open between 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily between July 15 and Sept. 5. The resort also provides rental bikes.
- For more information: mountwashington.ca

intimidating names like Quick N Dirty, Big Brother and Time Warp.

Riders can now tackle 37 kilometres of trails.

Instead of adding even more runs to its existing network of trails this year, the resort decided to open the Green Line and upgrade its existing runs, said Curtain.

It's also offering a learn-to-ride week between July 25 and July 29, in addition to events like the B.C. Provincial Cup Championships Aug. 13-14 and the female-only See Jane Jump competition, Aug. 20-21.

There's even a food and wine festival Aug. 26-27.

Jeremy Grasby, owner of the Riding Fool, a nearby hostel that's geared toward mountain bikers, said the beginners trail and lessons are a must for the mountain.

He said while the resort has had a great reputation with intermediate and advanced riders, it has fallen short with beginners.

"The rider that Mount Washington attracts is seeking adrenaline, as well as pushing the envelopes of their riding abilities."

Curtain said the sport, which has been dominated traditionally by men in their late teens and early 20s, has witnessed some big changes in the past few years. It's now not uncommon to see people in their 60s riding mountain bikes, as well as kids and women.



► Mountain bikes are transported on a chair lift to the top of Mount Washington.



► Cyclists pose at the top of Mount Washington.

"We feel that those numbers will continue to grow in the future years to come," he said.

Gregory Bird, owner of the Vancouver Island Mountain Biking website, VIMB.com, said he has ridden the new beginners trail and gives it high marks.

"It's a pretty neat trail,

actually," he said, noting the run boasts lots of flow and corners. And it's about time, he added, for the resort to increase its offerings for beginners.

"There's been many a time I've seen beginners up there sort of looking for stuff to ride and being somewhat intimidated by

the stuff they saw."

Bird said more and more visitors are growing interested in Vancouver Island mountain biking opportunities, and he's seen an increase in emails and forum posts from European and American riders on his website.

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A thousand thrills

► Ontario's Thousand Islands is a rare gem for boating, fishing and biking



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► The Thousand Islands

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Billing itself as "the greatest vacation spot in the world," the Thousand Islands region in southeastern Ontario is doing its darnedest to earn that moniker.

Being a B.C. boy who has travelled the world, it's pretty hard to find unique and unusual places. The Thousand Islands is one of those rare gems that really does stand out.

After arriving at the quaint, historic Gananoque

What to do

► **Visit Boldt Castle:** Built on one of the islands by an American millionaire for his wife, this amazing cas-

tle is a stunning piece of architecture worth seeing.
► **Skydive:** For the adventurous, freefall on your first jump and enjoy a stunning view of the islands.

in on the banks of the St. Lawrence, I was immediately struck by the fact that there really is a heck of a lot of islands here. In fact, there is far more than the promised 1,000. Actually, a total of 1,793 separate islands make up the archipelago that straddles the Canada/U.S. border.

Speed-boating across the international water border, I was amazed at the endless number of private little islands, some barely large enough to hold a house.

The fishing out here is phenomenal too — that is, until I happened to snag a large ornery northern pike.

Half an hour after landing this monster, it suddenly proceeded to chow down on my poor index finger, which threw a bit of a monkey wrench into

my day on the water.

However, I was soon distracted from my traumatic fish experience by all the other fun things happening here. Back on the mainland in Gananoque, I wiled away a morning cycling by all the gorgeous heritage-style houses in the area.

Another scenic area is the Gananoque Trail hike, which brings you through forest and along the river front. But to really get a good look at this area, you have to head to Hill Island near the U.S. border.

Here you can ride to the top of the Thousand Islands tower sky deck and get a breathtaking view of the river and all those islands.

They aren't cheap anymore, but I sure wish I had the money to own my own island.



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► Speed boating is a popular option.

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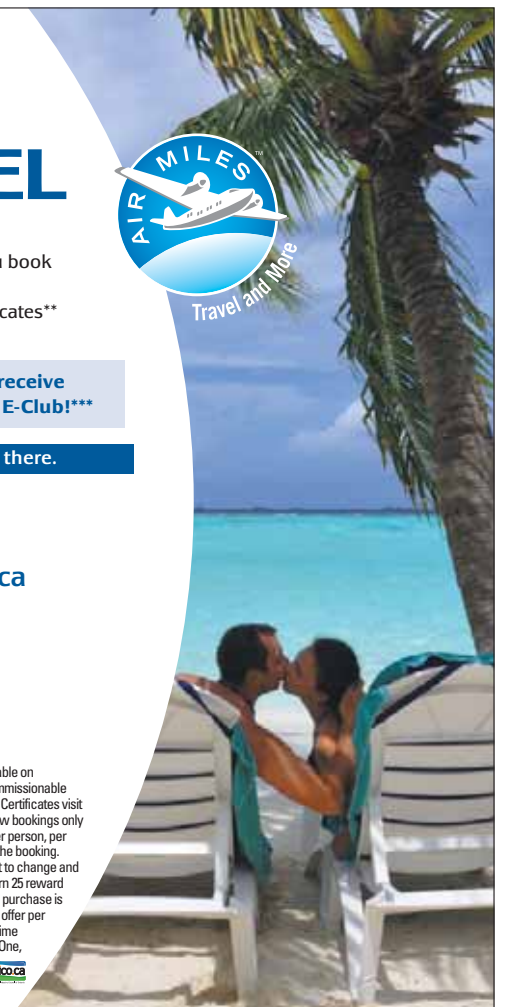
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Ice island amazes visitors

► Newfoundland's greatest iceberg season on record thrills locals, tourists

The greatest iceberg season in recent memory is drawing scores of visitors to Newfoundland's northern peninsula for a glimpse of the majestic sculptures.

"For this time of year, I've never seen so many icebergs — and so big," said Paul Alcock of Northland Discovery Boat Tours in St. Anthony, Nfld.

"It's a pretty spectacular sight out here right now," he said of at least 25 icebergs still looming within 16 kilometres of the town. "For this time of year, you wouldn't expect to see much more than

three or four."

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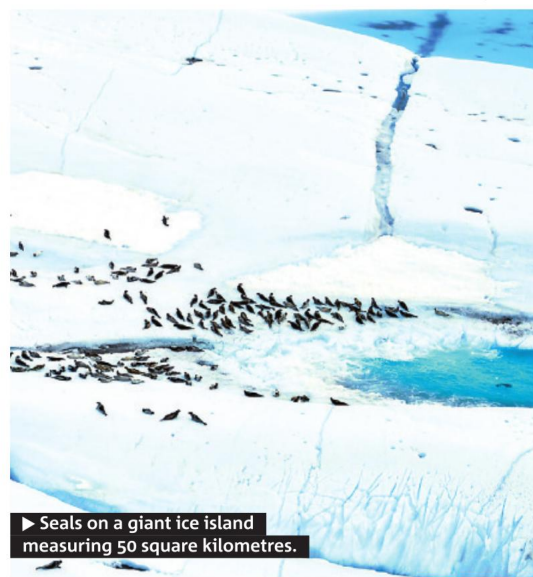
The rare extravaganza is thanks to a nearby ice island that was part of a 260-square-kilometre chunk that split from Greenland's Petermann Glacier last August. That original piece has since broken into smaller bits.

One of the largest remaining pieces is the 50-square-kilometre ice island now floating about 20 kilometres off Labrador, south of Cartwright.

As it moves through the water, it "calves" or sheds pieces of ice that create the clusters of icebergs now attracting visitors from across Canada and parts of the U.S., Alcock said.

One of the highlights of his tour is a massive tabular slab that's about 1.6 kilometres long and 54 metres high.

"You've got waterfalls,



► Seals on a giant ice island measuring 50 square kilometres.

you've got thick blue lines in the ice, you've got seals that are up on different places. It's almost like its own little habitat by itself. It's pretty amazing to see."

There's so much big ice that Alcock expects a record-long viewing season stretching into September.

"We had a gentleman a couple of days ago that got here from Montreal," Alcock said. "When he heard about it, that was it, he took a few days off work and made a beeline for Newfoundland to see them."

"People are left speechless." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Either way, making a dip (or three) in which you can dunk your fruit can make it a little more enticing, and a lot more fun.

In constructing a healthful dip for fruit, the main problem lies in the base of the dip.

You want something that doesn't pile on the fat or sugar, but still is interesting enough that you want to dunk apples and strawberries in it.

We wanted to create a creamy base that could be easily flavoured.

For obvious reasons, the full-fat versions of cream cheese and sour cream

were out. Greek-style yogurt has a great mouth feel and creaminess, but some people find it overwhelmingly tart.

So we opted to use low-fat cream cheese blended with non-fat Greek yogurt.

The result is creamy and luscious and is a perfect base for flavourings.

As a bonus, it's also a great way to get calcium.

Preparation:

1 In the bowl of a food processor, combine the non-fat Greek yogurt and low-fat cream cheese. Process them until completely smooth. Divide the mixture among 3 bowls.

2 Chocolate dipper: In a small bowl, mix together the cocoa powder,

honey, cinnamon and milk until the mixture is completely smooth. Add it to one of the bowls of yogurt mixture and stir until it is smooth.

3 Citrus dipper: Stir both of the zests, honey and orange juice into one of the remaining bowls of the yogurt mixture.

4 Orchard Spice dipper: Stir the vanilla, butter rum extract, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves and honey into the last bowl of yogurt and cream cheese mixture.

5 Serve your Chocolate, Citrus and Orchard Spice dips with cut-up wedges of apples, pears, peaches, berries, and your other favourite fruits.

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Shopping List:

Base

- 500 ml (2 cups) non-fat plain Greek-style yogurt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) orange juice

- 250 ml (8 oz) low-fat cream cheese

Chocolate

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- Pinch cinnamon
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fat-free milk

Citrus

- Zest of 1/2 lemon
- Zest of 1/2 orange

Orchard Spice

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vanilla extract
- 5 ml (1 tsp) butter rum extract
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cinnamon
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) dry ginger
- Pinch ground nutmeg
- Pinch ground cloves
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey

Drink of the week

Watermelon Lemonade

Feel free to add frozen fruits to this recipe for an even thicker slushy-like drink.

- 1 l (4 cups) ice
- 1 l (4 cups) watermelon chunks
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) lemon juice
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- Pinch salt

In a blender, combine ingredients and purée until smooth. You may need to stop blender and stir ingredients once to ensure everything blends evenly. Serve.

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A scholarship success story

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Being involved in my community has always been an important aspect of my life. However, it wasn't until my final year of high school that I realized just how beneficial my involvement would be.

In my grade 12 year I began applying for post-secondary scholarships. I described my extracurricular and volunteer activities in my applications and, eventually I found

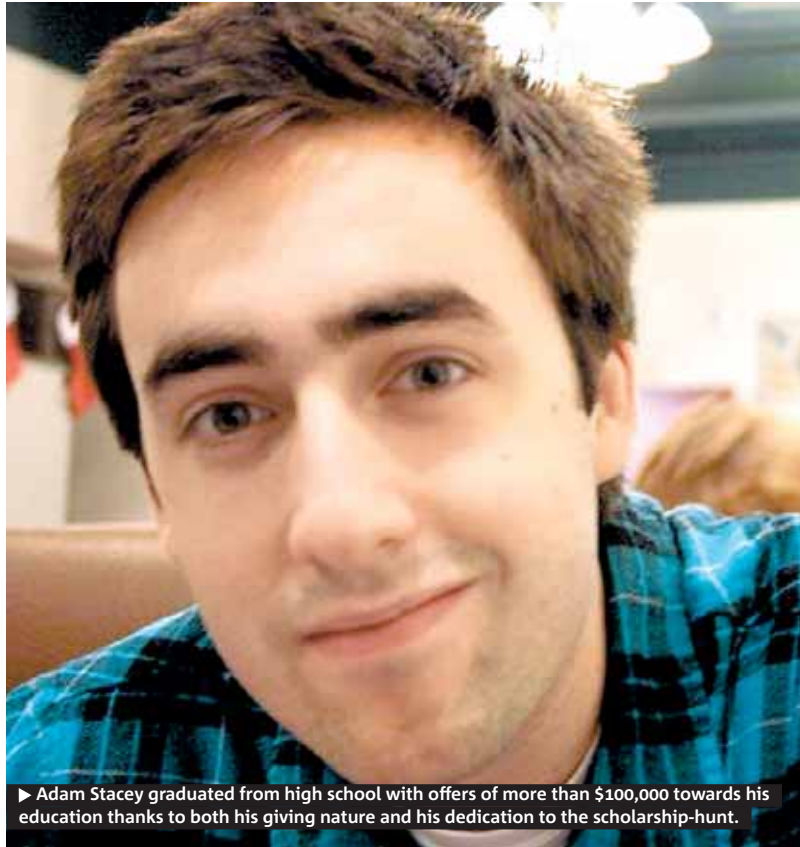
success.

I graduated with total scholarship offers of more than \$100,000. I was extremely proud to call myself a TD scholar, a National Millennium laureate, and a recipient of Nova Scotia's Premier's Power of Positive Change award.

These awards brought two awesome benefits: 1) I would leave university debt-free and, 2) I had guaranteed summer employment for the next four years. (Along with the scholarship money, TD scholars are offered full-time summer employment with the company in between school years.)

Where Adam is now

I just finished my second year at the University of New Brunswick on the TD Canada Trust Scholarship. Next year I am transferring to Acadia University to finish my Honours in Psychology. I work as a teller for TD during my summers and I'm thinking about law school for the future.



▶ Adam Stacey graduated from high school with offers of more than \$100,000 towards his education thanks to both his giving nature and his dedication to the scholarship-hunt.

What I learned

Key take-away from Adam's experience:

- ▶ Do your homework. Research scholarships to find ones that match your skills, accomplishments and interests. Check out StudentAwards.com and ScholarshipsCanada.ca to have scholarships matched to you.
- ▶ Apply to anything and everything you think you could win. Some scholarships are left unanswered in a given year because no one applied.
- ▶ Treat scholarship hunting like a part-time job. Finishing school debt-free is definitely worth the time and effort it takes to fill out a few applications, and some of them even offer employment!

program as a means of recruitment.

Employers should realize that scholarship programs are an awesome way to give back to the community and build a pool of great potential employees.

My advice to students (high school, undergraduate or graduate!), is that you would be crazy not to apply for scholarships. There is so much untapped money out there.

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Although I deeply appreciated the scholarship money, it was the offer of employment that proved most valuable.

My experiences thus far with TD's summer employment program have been exceptional. In my first summer, I had the opportunity to work at any TD Canada Trust branch in the country. Working as a teller, I learned the business from

the ground up.

Second, third and fourth summers are more flexible and can include working at TD's head office in Toronto, at one of TD's regional offices or at a non-profit organization.

After the four years, many of the scholars decide to stay on at TD, which speaks volumes about the company, the scholarship and the summer program.

Providing scholarship money to high school graduates for their post-secondary education is something companies have been doing for a long time. It's a nice way to give back to the community and amp up a corporate image.

Although any funding is appreciated by students, organizations are missing out if they aren't using their scholarship

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The career couple

► What if your partner works in the next pod?



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It's one thing to be married to your job. But to be married to someone else who works there?

Career counsellors say newlyweds who clock into the same office share commutes, professional aspirations, and tax benefits galore.

"A lot of people do it extremely well, and it's really common," workplace relationship guru Courtney Anderson says. "It's a great way to maximize your resources and benefits, and when it works, it works amazingly."

And when it doesn't? You could get fired and divorced by the same boss: ouch.

Keep it Serious

"When it's done right, people take their work very se-

riously," Anderson says.

"They're not like, 'Can you file this business report, oh honey, I love you, can you pick up the kids?' No. That would be ridiculous."

"You have to be very clear about keeping the lines set," agrees Office Mate author Helaine Olen, who has worked five years alongside her husband. That means don't reach decisions at the dinner table. Don't dash into your spouse's office and shut the door.

"You cannot use your spousal relationship in any way, shape, or form to get a favour," Olen emphasizes. "You have to keep it really professional."

"It should seem almost weird from the outside," Anderson adds. "People will say 'Oh, that's your husband? That's your wife? But you seem so formal with them.'" But why shouldn't

you be formal?" she continues.

"Team members aren't there to see you running around, patting each other on the butt."

Separately Together

The tough part about splitting an office with your soulmate isn't finding a way to work together, Olen says. It's finding a way to be apart.

"There is obviously a thing called too much togetherness," she warns. "Be careful about that. You need to have separation."

If you work from home, work in separate sides of the house, she recommends. If you work in the office, don't do lunch everyday.

"Commute to work separately," she adds. "It's a really neat solution to the problem. It gives you some time to be apart. Alone time."

CAREFUL WITH CONTRACTS

WORKPLACE LAW

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It's possibly the worst fraud in workplace law – corporations, with expensive lawyers and deeper pockets, insisting that employees sign one-sided contracts that reduce their legal rights. And employees, without bargaining power or an understanding of the law, not realizing their interests have been undermined. This is the tale of one nameless client who may learn this lesson the hard way.

In a file I have, the employee worked for her company for nearly 20

years. She was told that she would have to sign a contract simply to "confirm her employment," which is unnecessary, of course, but was said to her in an effort to encourage her to just sign it. Fearful of antagonizing her employer and concerned that she could lose her job, the employee signed her name and continued work as before. Many years later, she was fired as part of a restructuring and offered a severance package well below the minimum for someone of her age and tenure.

It was a simple win – or so I thought when I first reviewed her case. But (and there is always a but in workplace law) the contract she signed specifically limits her damages to only one week's pay, which is just the minimum and well below what is fair. Although the conclusion to this case will be based on other factors that are in-

involved, there is one certainty: without the contract, her case would be stronger.

What most employees do not understand is that they do not need a written employment contract in order to protect their rights. This is because the law implies a number of favourable terms designed to defend them, such as the requirement not to change the terms of their job, from which constructive dismissal arises; the prohibition against dismissal without fair notice, which is otherwise a wrongful dismissal; and the ability to work for competitors and solicit clients following departure. However, modern employment contracts are replete with employer-friendly terms, and most employees believe they have little or no choice but to sign them.

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KRIS DRAPER, WHO OFFICIALLY RETIRED AS A RED WING YESTERDAY AFTER 20 NHL SEASONS. HE HELPED THE WINGS WIN FOUR STANLEY CUPS IN HIS 17 SEASONS IN DETROIT.

"He was a role model for all of our young players and a leader in the locker-room."

WINGS GM KEN HOLLAND



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► Olympic Stadium and the aquatics centre in London yesterday. The 2012 Olympics open July 27 and close Aug. 12.

Expectations at bay with Games a year away

► Canadian athletic programs have modest goals for London compared to Vancouver ► Own the Podium considers top-12 finish a realistic target

A year out from the 2012 Olympic Games in London, Canada's summer athletes feel inspired by what their winter counterparts did at the 2010 Games in Vancouver and Whistler, B.C.

Wrestler Carol Huynh, who won gold in Beijing in 2008, followed the exploits of several winter athletes she knows personally.

"There were so many Canadian athletes who were successful there," Huynh says. "It was just an overall general great feeling for everybody."

"I was there for quite a bit of the Games. Just getting that feel, that energy in the air in Vancouver, that was just amazing. It kind of brought me back to what I experienced in Beijing."

The 2012 Olympics open July 27 and close Aug. 12.

Canada finished third in overall medals with 25 in Vancouver and Whistler, but set a Winter Games record with 14 gold.

The Summer Games goal for Own The Podium and the Canadian Olympic

Loonie counter

Own The Podium has doled out an average of \$30 million over the last three years to summer sport federations with a high of \$34.5 million for this crucial year before the London Games.

► That money goes to sports and individual athletes deemed to have medal potential in 2012, with consideration also given to

Committee isn't to win the overall medal count, which was the objective in 2010.

"The reality is, certainly at the Summer Games, we won't 'own the podium,'" says OTP chief executive officer Alex Baumann. "We won't be No. 1 ... but we want to move up the ladder."

Canada was 19th at the 2004 Summer Games in Athens and finished tied for 14th in Beijing four years later.

Canadians won 18 medals — three gold, nine

what they can do in 2016.

► OTP's money comes from Sport Canada, the federal government arm that oversees sport.

► All in, the Canadian government spends between \$165 million to \$175 million a year on sport, OTP executive officer Alex Baumann estimates. By comparison, the Australian government will spend \$1.2 billion on sport over the next four years.

silver, six bronze — in Beijing to tie its second-best performance at a non-boycotted Games. Canadian athletes also finished in fourth 10 times in Beijing.

Canada's performance in Vancouver reinforced that Own The Podium, established five years out from the 2010 Winter Games, had largely hit on a successful plan for winning medals. That strategy is the template for how Canadian high-performance sport now operates.

"I think what Vancouver gave us was we can actual-

ly be the best in the world," Baumann says. "That confidence can certainly be transferred over onto the summer side."

In London, Canada should have multiple medal threats in track and field, rowing, canoe/kayak, cycling, women's boxing and women's wrestling.

Results from world championships over the next few weeks will be a strong indicator of how Canada will perform in London.

"Our performance this year is critical," says Anne Merklinger, director of OTP's summer sports. "Our top sports, rowing, diving, wrestling, canoeing, trampolining, they need to be players, winning medals or nipping at the heels to win medals. Top-five finishes are critical for us at the major championships."

Canada ranked 15th in world championship medals won in 2010 with 18, according to OTP. China, Russia and the U.S. ranked first to third with 90, 87 and 75 respectively.

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NFL chaos begins after truncated off-season

The free agency free-for-all has begun, mostly with obscure names from the college ranks.

It will get wilder.

Contract negotiations for free agents and draft picks started yesterday, with draftees able to sign right away. The big names among veterans — Nnamdi Asomugha, Antonio Holmes, Matt Hasselbeck — can't sign until tomorrow, but their agents are negotiating deals right now.

Throw in dozens of players who will be cut, such as Dallas receiver Roy Williams and Baltimore tight end Todd Heap, which officially can't happen until tomorrow, and it's "organized chaos," according to Colts general manager Chris Polian.

"It's a lot of stress, work, preparation. But it's what we all look forward to. It's our playoffs and our Super Bowl," agent Peter Schaffer said.

Indeed, several agents said they didn't expect to sleep last night as the NFL reopened after four-and-a-half months. In addition to their clients already in the league who are unrestricted or restricted free agents, they will have veterans released. And they are trying to set up youngsters with teams after they were passed over in April's draft.

The math adds up to hundreds of transactions in a few days, as opposed to a few weeks had there not been a labour stoppage.

"I think the best way to say it is whatever you can imagine, it's probably worse than that," Cardinals coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "There is multi-tasking at its most furious."

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"Most (players) said, 'Listen, the bottom line is the team I'm with I like. If somebody out there is really interested, if they come with a great offer up front, then we'll look into that.'"

NFL PLAYER AGENT JORDAN WOY

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION					GB
	W	L	Pct		
Boston	62	38	.620	—	
New York	60	40	.600	2	
Tampa Bay	53	48	.525	9½	
Toronto	51	51	.500	12	
Baltimore	40	58	.408	21	

CENTRAL DIVISION					GB
	W	L	Pct		
Detroit	54	48	.529	—	
Cleveland	52	49	.515	1½	
Chicago	50	51	.495	3½	
Minnesota	47	55	.461	7	
Kansas City	43	59	.422	11	

WEST DIVISION					GB
	W	L	Pct		
Texas	59	44	.573	—	
Los Angeles	56	48	.538	3½	
Oakland	45	57	.441	13½	
Seattle	43	59	.422	15½	

Last night's results
L.A. Angels 2 Cleveland 1
Seattle at N.Y. Yankees
Baltimore at Toronto
Kansas City at Boston
Minnesota at Texas
Detroit at Chicago White Sox
Tampa Bay at Oakland
Monday's results
Cleveland 3 L.A. Angels 2
N.Y. Yankees 10 Seattle 3
Kansas City 3 Boston 1 (14 inn.)
Texas 20 Minnesota 6
Chicago White Sox 6 Detroit 3
Oakland 7 Tampa Bay 5
Today's games
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 5-8) at Cleveland (D.Huff 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 8-9) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 11-5) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 3-8), 2:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Simon 2-3) at Toronto (R.Romero 7-9), 7:07 p.m.
Kansas City (Chen 5-3) at Boston (Lackey 8-8), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Duensing 7-8) at Texas (C.Lewis 10-7), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Shields 9-8) at Oakland (Cahill 8-9), 10:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
L.A. Angels at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Boston, 1:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 3:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Minnesota at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
AdGonzalez, Bos	99	408	70	141	.346
MIYoung, Tex	101	403	50	134	.333
Bautista, TB	91	321	76	106	.330
Kotchman, TB	86	289	25	94	.325
JhPeralta, Det	92	332	45	107	.322
VMartinez, Det	87	322	44	103	.320
Ellsbury, Bos	99	408	74	130	.319
McCabrera, Det	102	353	69	111	.314
Konerko, ChW	98	357	47	110	.308
YEScobar, Tor	93	357	55	109	.305
HOME RUNS — Bautista, Toronto, 31; Granderson, New York, 27; Teixeira, New York, 27; Konerko, Chicago, 23; N.Cruz, Texas, 22; McCabrera, Detroit, 21; Mar-Reynolds, Baltimore, 21.					
PITCHING — Sabathia, New York, 14-5; Weaver, Los Angeles, 13-4; Verlander, Detroit, 13-5; Tomlin, Cleveland, 11-4; Scherzer, Detroit, 11-5; 6 tied at 10.					
Not including last night's games					

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION					GB
	W	L	Pct		
Philadelphia	65	37	.637	—	
Atlanta	59	44	.573	6½	
New York	51	51	.500	14	
Washington	49	52	.485	15½	
Florida	49	53	.480	16	

CENTRAL DIVISION					GB
	W	L	Pct		
Pittsburgh	53	47	.530	—	
St. Louis	54	48	.529	—	
Milwaukee	54	49	.524	½	
Cincinnati	50	52	.490	4	
Chicago	42	60	.412	12	
Houston	33	69	.324	21	

WEST DIVISION					GB
	W	L	Pct		
San Francisco	59	44	.573	—	
Arizona	55	47	.539	3½	
Colorado	48	55	.466	11	
Los Angeles	46	56	.451	12½	
San Diego	45	58	.437	14	

Last night's results
Philadelphia 7 San Francisco 2
Florida at Washington
N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati
Pittsburgh at Atlanta
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee
Houston at St. Louis
Arizona at San Diego
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers
Monday's results
San Diego 5 Philadelphia 4
N.Y. Mets 4 Cincinnati 2
Pittsburgh 3 Atlanta 1
St. Louis 10 Houston 5
L.A. Dodgers 8 Colorado 5
Tonight's games
Florida (Vazquez 6-9) at Washington (L.Hernandez 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Cain 8-6) at Philadelphia (Hamels 12-5), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 5-9) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 7-8), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Maholm 6-10) at Atlanta (Jur-rjens 12-3), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 7-5) at Milwaukee (Greinke 7-4), 8:10 p.m.
Houston (Norris 5-7) at St. Louis (C.Carpenter 6-7), 8:15 p.m.
Arizona (LKennedy 11-3) at San Diego (Lue-bke 3-4), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (A.Cook 1-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 6-12), 10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Florida at Washington, 12:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 3:35 p.m.
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Houston at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
JosReyes, NYM	87	385	74	135	.351
Braun, Mil	92	336	62	108	.321
Helton, Col	91	305	44	96	.315
Volto, Cin	101	373	61	117	.314
Morse, Wash	90	307	44	96	.313
Kemp, LAD	102	367	61	114	.311
Holliday, StL	77	274	50	85	.310
Pence, Hou	96	389	48	120	.308
DanMurphy, NYM	98	351	41	108	.308
McCann, Atl	90	328	42	100	.305

Not including last night's games

BLUE JAYS LEADERS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Bautista	321	76	106	31	70	.330
Molina	108	14	34	2	9	.315
Thames	143	26	44	4	19	.308
Escobar	357	55	109	9	38	.305
Lind	303	42	88	18	56	.290
Encarnacion	284	38	74	7	25	.261
Patterson	313	44	79	6	33	.252
Davis	294	40	70	1	27	.238
McCoy	77	11	18	1	5	.234
Snider	159	18	37	3	30	.233
Hill	323	31	73	4	37	.226
McDonald	139	16	31	2	16	.223
Arencibia	277	32	59	15	42	.213
PITCHERS						
W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA	
McCoy	0	0	0	1.0	0	0.00
Rzepczynski	2	3	0	39.1	33	2.97
Frasor	2	1	0	42.1	37	2.98
Janssen	3	0	1	28.2	27	3.14
Romero	7	9	0	134.2	117	3.27
Villanueva	5	2	0	90.0	61	3.40
Dotel	2	1	1	29.1	30	3.68
Rauch	4	3	7	41.2	29	3.89
Morrow	7	4	0	101.2	117	4.34
Cecil	3	4	0	57.1	42	4.71
Camp	1	1	1	43.1	19	4.78
Francisco	1	4	10	28.2	35	5.34

Not including last night's game

SOCCER

MLS

Tonight's game
All times Eastern
ALL-STAR GAME
At Harrison, N.J.
Manchester U. (Eng.) at MLS All-stars, 8:30 pm
Friday's game
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

UEFA

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Rubin Kazan (Russia) 2 Dynamo Kyiv (Ukraine) 0
FC Twente (Netherlands) 2 Vaslui (Romania) 0
Champions Route
APOEL (Cyprus) 0 Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) 0
Ekranas (Lithuania) 0 BATE Borisov (Belarus) 0
Wisla Krakow (Poland) 2 Litex Lovech (Bulgaria) 1
Genk (Belgium) 2 Partizan (Serbia) 1
Malmo (Sweden) 1 Rangers (Scotland) 0
Zestafoni (Georgia) 1 Sturm Graz (Austria) 1

EUROPA LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
Bnei Yehuda 1 Helsingborg 0

CONCACAF

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

San Francisco vs. Seattle Sounders FC
Herediano vs Alpha United

CFL

EAST DIVISION						
	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA
Montreal	4	3	1	0	133	95
Winnipeg	4	3	1	0	99	77
Hamilton	4	2	2	0	98	86
Toronto	4	1	3	0	80	116

WEST DIVISION						
	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA
Edmonton	4	4	0	0	127	74
Calgary	4	2	2	0	95	99
Saskatchewan	4	1	3	0	83	138
B.C.	4	0	4	0	106	136

WEEK FOUR
Sunday's result
Saskatchewan 27 Montreal 24
WEEK FIVE
Tomorrow's game
All times Eastern
B.C. at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Friday's games
Montreal at Hamilton, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 9:30 p.m.
WEEK SIX
Thursday, Aug. 4
Montreal at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 5
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.
Saskatchewan at B.C., 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 6
Hamilton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

GOLF

WEEKEND GLANCE

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GREENBRIER CLASSIC
Site: White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
Schedule: Tomorrow-Sunday.
Online: www.pgatour.com
U.S. GOLF ASSOCIATION
U.S. SENIOR OPEN
Site: Toledo, Ohio.
Schedule: Tomorrow-Sunday.
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IRISH OPEN
Site: Killarney, Ireland.
Schedule: Tomorrow-Sunday.
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NATIONWIDE TOUR
UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Sandy, Utah.
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ACTIVITY

BASEBALL

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL N Suspended San Francisco bench coach Ron Wotus one game for his inappropriate actions during Saturday's game against Milwaukee.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Activated DH Vladimir Guerrero from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Mark Worrell to Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed OF J.D. Drew on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 20. Recalled INF Drew Sutton from Pawtucket (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Activated 3B Eric Chavez from the 60-day DL. Optioned INF Brandon Laird to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Reinstated RHP J.J. Putz from the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of OF Collin Cowgill from Reno (PCL). Placed INF Geoff Blum on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 25.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned RHP Tyson Brummett from Lehigh Valley (IL) to Reading (EL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Recalled RHP Pat Neshek and C Luis Martinez from Tucson (PCL). Optioned C Kyle Phillips to Tucson. Placed RHP Ernesto Frieri on the paternity leave list.

FOOTBALL

NFL
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Agreed to terms with S Kevin Payne on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with TE Kyle Adams, LB Tressor Baptiste, C JC Brignone, CB Antarels Bryan, DT Corbin Bryant, WR Travis Cobb, T Josh Davis, G Ricky Henry, CB Mike Holmes, RB Robert Hughes, CB Ryan Jones, C Alex Linnenkohl, DT Jordan Miller, LB Deron Minor, DT Sean Murnane, TE Andre Smith, S Winston Venable, S Anthony Walters, WR Jimmy Young, WR Kris Adams, DE Mario Addison, LB Tanner Antle, LB Dom DeCicco, P Spencer Lanning, WR Dane Sanzen-backer and QB Trevor Vittatoe.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Announced they are relinquishing the rights to RB Mike Hart, DB Mike Richardson, TE Gijon Robinson, TE Tom Santi and DB Jamie Silva.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Agreed to terms with WR Armon Binns, OT Cameron Bradford, CB Cole Brodie, LB JoJo Dickson, WR Greg Ellingson, S Matt Estrada, TE Tommy Gallarda, LB Eric Gordon, G Brandon Harper, RB DuJuan Harris, CB T.J. Heath, WR Dontrelle Inman, CB Jalil Johnson, LB Michael Lockley, LB Scott Lutruss, TE Kyle Miller, RB Richard Murphy, WR Jamar Newsome, DE Odrick Ray, QB Scott Riddle, CB Kevin Rutland, P Brian Saunders, DE Marc Schiechl and G Troy White.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed LB Mark Herzlich.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Agreed to terms with DT Ladi Ajiboye, DE Pierre Allen, WR Doug Baldwin, FB Dorson Boyce, DE Jarrett Crittenton, P John Gold, CB Jesse Hoffman, G Michael Huey, T Zach Hurd, S Jeron Johnson, QB Zach Lee, WR Ricardo Lockette, LB Deron Minor, LB Mike Morgan, G/C Brent Osborne, CB Ron Parker, QB Josh Portis, S Rickey Thenarse and TE Ryan Travis.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with LB Jonathan Cornell, P Chad Cunningham, TE

Cameron Graham, G Thomas Gray, FB Patrick Hill, WR Joseph Hills, DE Julian Hartsell, G An-quez Jackson, WR James Kirkendoll, CB Lequan Lewis, WR Orentha Murdock, WR Michael Preston, WR Owen Spencer and LS/LB John Stokes, Vanderbilt.

HOCKEY

NHL

DETROIT RED WINGS — Announce the retirement of C Kris Draper.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed C Craig Smith to a two-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Signed F Jason Williams to a one-year contract.
WINNIPEG JETS — Agreed to terms with C Ivan Telegin.

TENNIS

WTA-BANK OF THE WEST CLASSIC

At Stanford, Calif
Yesterday's results
Singles — First Round
Maria Kirilenko, Russia, def. Julia Goerges (6), Germany, 6-2, 6-3.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Ana Ivanovic (7), Serbia, 6-3, 7-5.
Sabine Lisicki, Germany, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 6-1, 6-2.
Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-1.
Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-2.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Rika Fujiwara, Japan, 6-0, 6-2.

ATP-STUDENA CROATIA OPEN

At Umag, Croatia
Yesterday's results
Singles — First Round
Tommy Robredo (5), Spain, def. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, 6-3, 6-2.
Fabio Fognini (6), Italy, def. Rui Machado, Portugal, 6-4, 6-3.
Andreas Seppi (7), Italy, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-4, 6-2.
Potito Starace, Italy, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-1.
Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Simone Vagnozzi, Italy, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, 3-6, 6-3, 1-1, retired.
Filippo Volandri, Italy, def. Mate Pavic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-0.
Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, def. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 6-4.
Olivier Rochus, Belgium, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-4.
Gianluca Naso, Italy, def. Mate Delic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-2.

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Singles — First Round
Feliciano Lopez (5), Spain, def. Michael Lammer, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-3.
Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (6), Spain, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.
Marcel Granollers (8), Spain, def. Stephane Bohli, Switzerland, 6-1, 6-0.
Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, def. Steve Darcis, Belgium, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Victor Hanes-cu, Romania, 7-5, 6-2.
Frederico Gil, Portugal, def. Joao Souza, Portugal, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Julien Benneteau, France, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-3.

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Body changes

Visually, the 200 has been treated to a mostly new front end, including a cleaner-looking grille and hood.

The front fenders contain a contemporary set of projector-style headlamps and fog lights with Light Emitting Diode (LED) accents. There are also new fenders and LED taillights in back.

These changes are quite typical of the updates that many vehicles go through at the mid-point of their production cycles.

Interior

All is well, or at least better, on the inside now that Chrysler's designers have tossed out many of the car's hard-plastic panels and trim pieces.

The centrepiece is an all-new soft-touch instrument panel along with a clearly classier steering wheel.

Additionally, the armrests have soft-touch coverings and the seats are now better bolstered and have improved coverings.

Engine

The 200 convertible shares the same engine/transmission choices as the sedan. A 173-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder that originated from last year's Sebring is standard on the base 200 LX.

The real star of the show is the new 283-horsepower 3.6-litre "Pentastar" V6 that replaces the previous 186-horsepower 2.7-litre V6 and the 235-horsepower 3.5-litre V6.



► Although it still looks very much like the previous Sebring, the styling updates tend to smooth things out. New LED lighting is in vogue, too. The optional V6 is rated to provide similar fuel economy to the four-cylinder.

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er. The even better news is that this year's crop of contenders is hot stuff. Just take a look at the 2011 Chrysler 200.

The car has risen Phoenix-like from the ashes of what was better known until recently as the Sebring.

And although the basic

structure has been carried over, there have been a number of significant upgrades to improve the mid-size model's overall performance and create a more elegant appearance, both inside and out.

The updating of the Se-

bring-cum-200 wasn't too long overdue since the current body style has only been around since the 2008 model year. But the adjustments and name change were deemed as vital to reinvigorating the Chrysler brand by the

automaker's Fiat-based management that now runs the show.

The 200 convertible is 100 per cent about soaking up some relatively affordable summer fun for up to four passengers, heading to the beach or simply cruising in high style.

BASE PRICE:
\$31,500



By comparison

Ford Mustang

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Two seasons: Winter and construction

Remember to keep a watchful eye on your car with the arrival of the dreaded construction season

Summer is the main season for road construction, which means there's a good chance you'll hit a bump or two, or come across loose stones and other hazards associated with construction zones.

These road conditions can be tough on a vehicle's steering and suspension systems and can throw out the alignment, while loose stones have the potential to damage the vehicle's exterior or windshield.

The symptoms of steering and suspension or wheel alignment problems are uneven tire wear, pulling to one side, noise and vibration while cornering or loss of control.

The main parts of the systems are shocks and/or

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Research shows that there is \$10 billion worth of vehicle maintenance and repair being neglected by Canadian consumers. Neglected vehicle care almost always means much higher costs down the line, either in the form of more extensive repairs or lost resale value.

struts, the steering knuckle, ball joints, the steering rack/box, bearings, seals or hub units, and tie rod ends.

Motorists should have

their vehicles checked out immediately if any of these symptoms exist, as steering and suspension systems are key safety-related components and largely determine the car's ride and handling.

Regardless of road conditions, these systems should be checked annually and a wheel alignment should be performed at the same time.

Motorists also should do frequent visual checks of their vehicle's exterior and windshield to identify any chips, dings or cracks. These are small problems that can become costly repairs and safety hazards if they aren't taken care of immediately.

"Even the most careful



► In addition to causing traffic jams, construction zones can also be dangerous for your car.

driver, who is travelling slowly and carefully through a work zone, can hit an unexpected bump or other road hazards,"

said Patty Kettles, manager, marketing and communications, Be Car Care Aware Canada.

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Passenger Volume (L)	2,679	2,707	2,574	2,665	2,605
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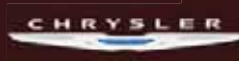
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California's Silicon Valley looks pretty much the way I pictured it.

A more-lush version of a typical industrial mall. A-type "types" bicycling madly during their lunch hours, on a network of bicycle lanes, their racing helmets barely containing their immense heads, which were actually glowing with activity.

A group of us auto scribes were in the area, to visit GM's Advanced Technology Silicon Valley Office (ATSVO), as part of a press preview for the new Buick LaCrosse eAssist (a new, mild hybrid).

GM set up the shop about five years ago, to be the automaker's "eyes and ears on the ground" in Silicon Valley.

It's a small place, with a small team — about 10 scientists and business managers with various backgrounds.

The man who heads up the team, Bryon Shaw, told us that the building reflects its mandate to forge relationships with its famous Silicon Valley neighbours, like Apple, Google, Cisco,

Hewlett-Packard, NeuroSky, Nokia, SoundHound, MAD Maps, Digitario, and StratosAudio.

Those firms are not only known for their success, but also for their collaborative processes.

To grease the wheels of collaboration many adopt an interior design concept known as "caves and commons."

"Common areas are where you have teams of people working together, collaboratively, so everyone knows what is going on, and you don't have silos of information," said Shaw.

"This leads to faster development cycles, but sometimes you need to think... Common areas are noisy. Cave areas are where you can retract into and get your hard thinking done." (This reminds me of one of my favourite bumper stickers: "Ever stop to think and forget to start again.")

Big Silicon Valley firms also have many, many conference rooms, which are typically booked the entire workday.

"But when you peak in, you see only one person in that room, on the phone to a globally distributed team," noted Shaw.

"So we said how do make that work in a more space efficient way... That's why we have these 'phone booths', which are conference rooms for one person."

When ATSVO staff need to liaison with someone down the street, or across the globe, everything they need to get that done can be found in the blue booth — small desk, phone, inter-

net connection, privacy, and good acoustics.

Not surprisingly, one focus of the team is incorporating connectivity and more electronic goodness into our vehicles.

Two of its more interesting advancements were developing Wi-Fi coverage to vehicle occupants while

moving at highway speeds (not yet available in Canada), and personalized audio cues for the new Chevrolet Volt.

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► Among other advancements, GM's Silicon Valley tech centre was responsible for developing the computer generation of personalized audio clues for consumer demographics and preferences in the Chevrolet Volt.

Designing an interior means form and function

DRIVING FORCE

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A huge amount of work goes into designing a vehicle, but it's far more than just the exterior appearance. The inside requires just as much attention, covering everything from how it looks to its integration with important safety features.

For Mercedes-Benz, the interior of the redesigned 2012 M-Class SUV started with sketches at the company's design headquarters in Sindelfingen, Germany.

The designers also use computer models and then full-size clay mockups to determine what the new vehicle will use.

"It takes a long time," says Marina Sacco, an interior trim designer specializing in colour and materials.

"We started a few years ago and have continued to

improve it."

The design follows a basic theme that Mercedes-Benz reserves for its SUVs: the dash must have strong horizontal lines to give the feeling of spaciousness, while a dome over the centre stack controls hints at the engine's power. The materials, meanwhile, convey a "welcome home" feeling, with soft-touch surfaces and wood highlights. It isn't enough to simply use home-style materials, though.

"The colours and materials have to work in all temperatures, whether very hot or very cold," Sacco says.

"The leather must function, the plastic must function, and it can't discolour. Everything has to stay as it is on the first day."

To that end, everything that goes into the interior is thoroughly tested. Each material is placed under simulated sunshine, and in cold and heat extremes to ensure that it doesn't peel, become brittle or fade.

It's also very important that the final design and the materials used look like they belong in a Mercedes, Sacco says.

"Most customers don't like screaming colours," she says. "People like black, brown, beige and grey. Sports cars are allowed a little bit of red, but on a car like this (M-Class), it's nice to have natural colours. This is about driving the car and going to the outdoors."

Authenticity of the materials is also important, and

for the new model, the company has introduced an optional trim design that includes unfinished, open-grain wood.

"You can feel the structure of the grain on it," Sacco says, which is very important.

It seems that, although Mercedes-Benz uses only real wood in the M-Class, some customers complained that their passengers thought the high-gloss version was actually made of plastic.

A rare and well-loved retro street rod

► Model: 1997 to 2002 Plymouth Prowler ► Vehicle Type: Roadster

SECOND GEAR



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The Plymouth brand bit the dust some years ago — but it's departure from existence did leave one of the world's most interesting and rare sports cars in its wake.

The Plymouth Prowler was a two-seat, uber-retro street rod convertible sold in 1997, and 1999 through 2002. Unlike other Plymouth models, the Prowler was its own car — not a rebadged variant of some other Chrysler, Dodge or Eagle product.

Prowler launched with a manually-operated cloth-top roof, 214-horsepower V6 engine and rear-wheel drive. After a break from

the market for 1998, Chrysler updated the 1999 model with a new 253-horsepower V6 engine. All models got a four-speed "AutoStick" automatic transmission.

Feature content included an Infinity CD changer audio system, air conditioning, cruise control, power accessories and leather seats.

An auto-dimming rearview mirror and leather-trimmed accents were also on board.

What Owners Like

- Exclusivity is the largest draw to the Prowler, according to most owners.
- Production was extremely limited, and few cars turn heads this well.
- Fun to drive handling, dynamics, relative performance and a relatively comfortable ride are also highly rated.

What they dislike

- Owner complaints include limited visibility, tight entry and exit with the roof up, road noise and limited practicality.
- Prowler also had very limited trunk space and limited width to accommodate wide-legged occupants.



1999 Plymouth Prowler



Check out Justin's video car reviews online at youtube.com/mr2pritch.

Common issues

- Given the Prowler's limited sales volume and relatively tiny online owner's community, reliability-related information is sparse. Some issues have surfaced with the factory stereo system, including hissing, static or blown speakers.
- Premature suspension wear may also be a concern — so be sure to listen for any popping or clunking sounds on a test-drive that could indicate a worn-out component.
- Check power windows for proper operation in both directions, be sure the air conditioner works properly, and note any damaged or missing interior trim panels.
- Prowler's driveline appears to be fairly solid and problem free, though the 3.5-

Verdict

Though information is limited, a used Plymouth Prowler appears to be a fairly reliable, albeit extremely rare, used sports car buy.

Shoppers set on owning a Prowler and able to locate a unit for sale are advised to make an appointment with a nearby Chrysler dealership for an inspection.

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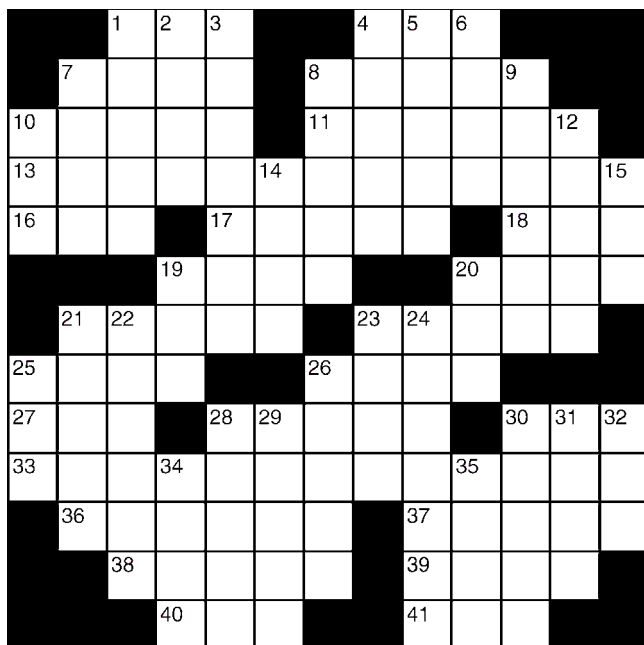
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10 Nip
11 Root vegetable
13 Glimpse
16 Franken and Gore
17 Necessities
18 Victory
19 Long cut
20 Carry on
21 Explosion
23 Baby kangaroos
25 Fedora feature
26 Praise to the skies
27 Really long time
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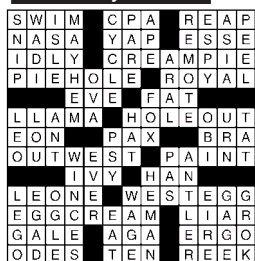
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2 Formerly
3 Nassau's island group
4 Challenge mockingly
5 Irrational numbers
6 Heche or Hathaway
7 Rotary phone part
8 Hide
9 Pilot's route
10 Sch. group
12 Aspirin targets
14 Sudden rush of wind
15 Potent stick
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22 Window frame part
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24 Rural area of Australia
25 Plead
26 Surgery tool
28 Heart line?

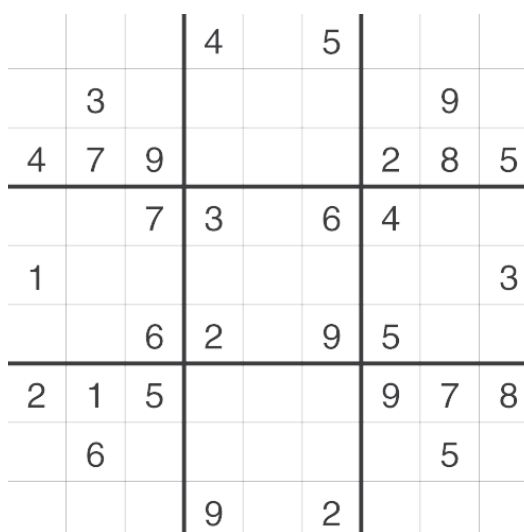


29 Having a cupola
30 Poet Dickinson
31 Lovers' quarrel
32 Fool
34 Walking pace
35 Beekeeper played by Peter Fonda

Yesterday's answer



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4	8	3	1	7	2	5	6	9
1	9	7	6	4	5	8	2	3
6	2	5	8	9	3	4	1	7
5	7	4	2	3	1	9	8	6
9	3	6	5	8	4	1	7	2
8	1	2	9	6	7	3	4	5

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YOUR BLUE GIRL

Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 People won't like your latest big idea – not because the idea is no good but because they are jealous.

♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 You could easily fall out with a friend over something that is quite trivial.

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 Tie up any and all loose ends and get ready for the good things that will soon be coming your way.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 Do what feels right and if it upsets others, well that's their problem. Be a rebel, and be proud of it.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 You are not the sort to hold back if something needs to be said. And sometimes, you must expect a backlash.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Believe in yourself and what you are. Your future success depends on it.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you don't like the way certain things are being done, you must speak up. You can't shirk responsibility.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Use your powers of persuasion (no, not twisting arms!) to get other people to do the hard stuff for you today.

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♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Make it your aim today to paint a more accurate picture of yourself in the eyes of the world.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 The cosmic picture urges you to be truthful. Say what comes to mind.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Get out and about and meet as many new people as you possibly can. Smile at strangers and chat.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. You aren't afraid to change your opinions in the light of new info. Keep that in mind. ● SALLY BROMPTON

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